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Art & Music month at Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment Center

Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment is not just your typical shopping mall. The idea behind Paseo Herencia is to celebrate the culture, heritage, and people of Aruba, whereby art and music play a mayor role.

In the month of May, Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment Center will have an Art & Music theme starting today, May 12, where there will be two events featuring hand made art works and paintings from different local artists. There will also be live music on main stage starting at 9 p.m. to delight visitors.

Artworks of the artists can also be admired daily in the corridors and on the plaza of Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment Center

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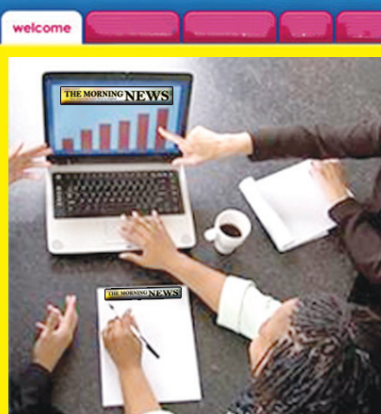
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Britain's David Cameron becomes PM; Brown out

LONDON, England (AP) — Conservative leader David Cameron became Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years yesterday after Gordon Brown stepped down and ended 13 years of Labour government.

Cameron said he aims to form a full coalition government with the third-place Liberal Democrats after his Conservative Party won the most seats but did not get a majority in Britain national

election last week.

The 43-year-old leader said it would be "hard and difficult work" to govern as a coalition but added that Britain had serious economic issues to tackle. Cameron visited Buckingham Palace and was asked to form a government by Queen Elizabeth II less than an hour after Brown tendered his resignation to the monarch.

Cameron and Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg's pact would be the first coali-

tion government since World War II.

Arriving at London's Downing Street hand in hand with his wife Samantha, Cameron said he believed that Britain's "best days lie ahead."

Hundreds of onlookers, many of them booing, crowded the gates of Downing Street to watch on, as Cameron swept into his new home less than 90 minutes after an emotional Brown had made a farewell address.

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Oil spill testimony to Congress: Not our fault

WASHINGTON (AP) — BP PLC told Congress yesterday its massive Gulf oil spill was caused by the failure of a key safety device made by another company.

In turn, that company said BP was in charge, and that a third company that poured concrete to plug the exploratory well didn't do it right. The third company, which was plugging the well in anticipation of future production, says it was only following BP's plan.

The blame game shot into the open yesterday as the Senate began a hearing into the oil spill that has been contaminating water in the Gulf of Mexico for three weeks and threatens sensitive marshes and marine life from Louisiana to Florida.

Executives of the three companies, testifying before

the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, acknowledged investigators have yet to pinpoint definitively the cause of the well explosion April 20 or why the oil was not contained, but they spent little time before trying to shift responsibility for the environmental crisis to each other.

In opening the hearing, Sen. Jeff Bingaman, the committee's chairman, said the failures that led to explosion and spill need to be closely examined so new safety measures can be imposed.

On Ship Island, Mississippi, Federal wildlife officials are treating the deaths of six dolphins on the Gulf Coast as oil-related even though other factors may be to blame.

Blair Mase (MACE') of the National Marine Fisheries Service said yesterday that the

carcasses have all been found in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama since May 2. Samples have been sent for testing to see whether a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico helped kill the dolphins.

Mase and animal rescue coordinator Michele Kelley in Louisiana said none of the carcasses has obvious signs of oil. Mase also said it's common for dead dolphins to wash up this time of year when they are in shallow waters to calve.

Spill threatens Mexico turtles, other species

Meanwhile, Mexico is weighing legal action against BP PLC over the massive Gulf oil spill that threatens to harm turtles and other wildlife migrating between the waters of the U.S. and Mexico.

The black stain has not reached Mexico's coast and is not expected to do so, Environmental Secretary Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada said yesterday.

But the agency is nonetheless closely monitoring the disaster's impact on various species in Mexico. Tiny Lora turtles, for example, which lay their eggs and nest on the Gulf coast beaches of Tamaulipas and Veracruz, spend part of their year off the coast of Louisiana, he said. BP must be held responsible, and his staff is researching international environmental law to see what actions it might take.

Environmentalists say they have grave concerns that Mexico will suffer from the slick.

"Although the spill has not reached the Mexican coast, environment has no borders. Contamination of ecosystems such as wetlands, which provide environmental services for the entire population, affects us all," said Angelica Simon of Greenpeace Mexico.

Violent tornadoes tear through Okla., killing 5

SEMINOLE, Oklahoma (AP) — Families picked through broken furniture and dented appliances outside their toppled homes yesterday as garbage trucks scooped up soaking mattresses and other debris left over from violent storms that tore through the southern Plains, killing five people and injuring dozens.

Several tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma and Kansas as Monday's storms moved through the area, dumping hail as big as softballs, splintering homes and downing hundreds of power lines.

Oklahoma City Deputy Fire Chief Cecil Clay refused to rule out the possibility of finding more dead but said conditions were tough for rescue workers yesterday.

"We have heavy fog and power lines down making it difficult to see all the hazards out there," he said.

The line of storms swept through Kansas and into Oklahoma Monday evening, leveling houses and flipping cars.

Forecasters using advanced technology, fueled by supercomputers crunching atmospheric data, began predicting the severe weather last week.

Two people were killed in Oklahoma City — including a young boy hit by debris in his home and a man whose recreational vehicle flipped over on top of him — and three in Cleveland County, south of the city, officials said. At least 58 others were injured — two of them critically.

Yesterday, uprooted trees lay cracked in half, and the faint smell of cedar drifted through the air. Utility poles were down, lining parts of Oklahoma 99, and pickup trucks carted away damaged mattresses and other items.

Authorities urged residents to stay off the roads in affected areas to allow rescue workers to search for survivors among the wreckage of their homes. They said they didn't immediately know of anyone who was unaccounted for.



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Drifting satellite threatens US cable programming

LONDON, ENGLAND (AP) — A TV communications satellite is drifting out of control thousands of miles above the Earth, threatening to wander into another satellite's orbit and interfere with cable programming across the United States, the satellites' owners said yesterday.

Communications company Intelsat said it lost control of the Galaxy 15 satellite on April 8, possibly because the satellite's systems were knocked out by a solar storm. Intelsat cannot remotely steer the satellite to remain in its orbit, so Galaxy 15 is creeping toward the adjacent path of another TV communications satellite that serves U.S. cable companies.

Galaxy 15 continues to receive and transmit satellite signals, and they will probably interfere with the second satel-

lite, known as AMC 11, if Galaxy 15 drifts into its orbit as expected around May 23, according to AMC 11's owner, SES World Skies.

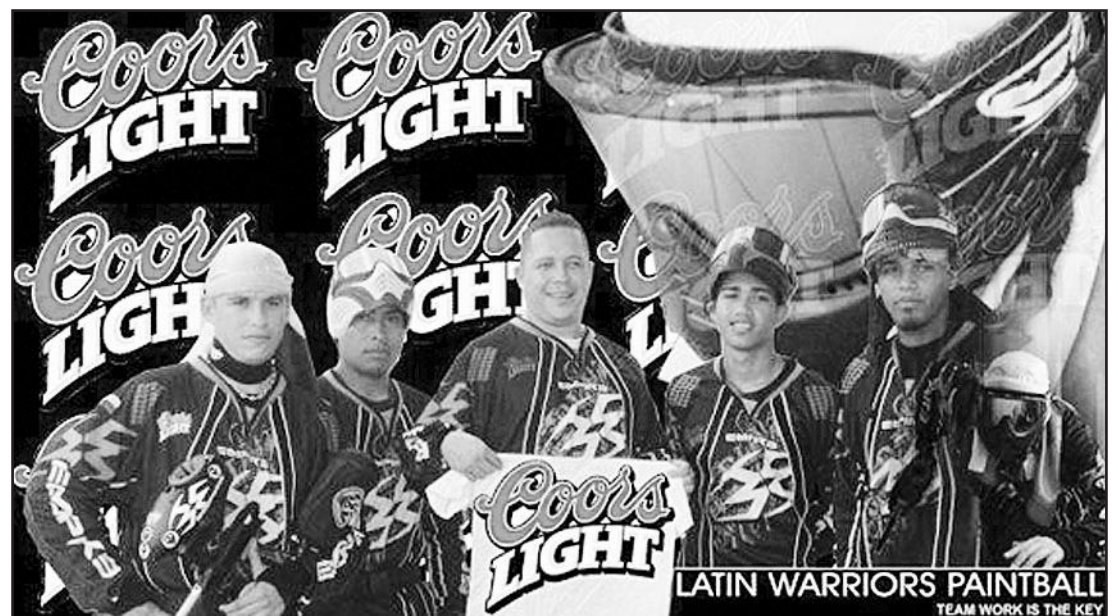
AMC 11 receives digital programming from cable television channels and transmits it to all U.S. cable networks from its orbit 22,000 miles (36,000 kilometers) above the equator, SES World Skies said. It operates on the same frequencies as Galaxy 15.

"That fact means that there is likely to be some kind of interference," SES World Skies spokesman Yves Feltes told The Associated Press. "Our aim is to bring any interference down to zero."

He would not name any of the cable television channels or providers that could be affected or say how long the interference could last.

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The team conquered the 4th place



On March 18, Aruba's National Anthem and Flag Day, the Latin Warriors participated in a Paintball competition where they conquered the 4th place. With Romar Trading and its famous beer Coors Light as sponsors, and a lot of enthusiasm, the team got a mark of 501 points. The Aruba Warriors team won the competition, followed by 2nd place winners Young Blood, and Punisher Latin Warrior in the

3rd and 4th place respectively.

Romar Trading supported this Paintball competition in a remarkable way and for that reason the Latin Warriors team, comprising of Diego Odor, Kenrish Tromp, Robert Hernandez, Helbert Mamani (El Cholo), Gustavo D'Jesus, Dany Lopez and Ivan D'Jesus wanted to thank their sponsor for this tremendous support. Without them they couldn't have competed in this event.

"A heartfelt congratulation goes to Indy Chan and all the other teams who participated in the Paintball competition. Such events promotes sports among our people and sponsors like Romar Trading certainly helps enrich sports on Aruba," a spokesperson said.

Photo shows some of the members of Latin Warriors team proudly showing off a T-shirt with their sponsor's name - Coors Light - printed on it.

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The Westin Aruba Resort Hosts Wine Connoisseurs, Food Enthusiasts and Art Aficionados

During Aruba's Sixth Annual Wine, Food & Art Festival



Palm Beach -- The Westin Aruba Resort will host its Sixth Annual Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival from Thursday, June 3 – Saturday, June 5, 2010. This three-day festival will include live musical entertainment, art exhibitions, exceptionally elegant cuisine offered by renowned chefs, local and international liquor purveyors and wineries represented by six different countries.

In addition, Aruba's artist community will present the fourth annual exhibition, curated by Jan van Straaten of the Westin Aruba Art Gallery.

On the final evening famed local guitarist Ernesto Ferro will team up with legendary American composer, guitarist Johnny Farina, also Durban Laverde former Led Zeppelin guitar player on bass and Aruba's very own Hildward Croes on keyboard, with Jeremy Bonarriba on percussion, to present the Sleepwalker Concert, named after Johnny Farina blockbuster instrumental steel-based guitar song from the 60s, by that same name – if the newspaper could whistle, you'd recognize it im-

mediately.

"The Westin Aruba Resort is delighted to host Aruba's Wine, Food & Art Festival for the sixth year in a row," said Richard Roy, General Manager, The Westin Resort Aruba. "It is an honor to be a part of this cultural event which celebrates local artwork, delectable cuisine, island music and premium international wines and liquors."

During the final day of the festival, guests can delight their taste buds by sampling a sophisticated five-course menu created by the invited celebrity chefs. The meal will pair perfectly with Moët & Chandon and Dom Pérignon champagnes by the Aruba Trading Company.

Additional information on the Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival is as follows:

Thursday, June 3, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.:

Wine & Food Tasting & Art Exhibition

Best chef competition. A special dinner will be served in Pago Pago by Aruba's top chefs. Each chef will prepare a signature course and pair it with a special wine selection.

An award will be given at the end of the evening to the chef presenting the "People Choice" dish. Tickets are available at The Westin Aruba Resort concierge desk during the week for \$85 per person.

Friday, June 4, 7:00 pm. – 11:00 p.m.:

Wine & Food Tasting & Art Exhibition

This all you care to drink and eat event is hosted by Chef Matt Bolland and the Westin Aruba Resort Culinary Team. Aruba's artist community will present the fourth annual exhibition, curated by Jan van Straaten of the Westin Aruba Art Gallery. Guests are encouraged to sample more than 60 varieties of wine by the glass from the USA, Italy, France, Australia, Chile and Argentina, in collaboration with the island's liquor purveyors. The Daniel Aguirre Jazz Band will provide the entertainment throughout the event. General admission tickets are sold for \$35 per person at the door.

Saturday, June 5, 7:00 p.m. – Midnight:

Capturing the Champagne Sparkle

The gala offers guests an exquisite five-course menu created by invited celebrity chefs, which will be paired with Moët & Chandon and Dom Pérignon champagnes. An art and wine auction will follow at the Coffee Lounge with Grand Marnier Liquor and Hennessy Cognacs. Tickets are available at The Westin Aruba Resort concierge desk during the week for \$140 per person.

Capturing the Champagne Sparkle is followed by the Sleepwalker Concert.

General admission tickets are sold at the door.

Mark your calendar for the fantastic line up of the Aruba's Sixth Annual Wine, Food & Art Festival.

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Swift to receive award at Songwriters Hall of Fame



NEW YORK – She's only 20, but Taylor Swift is getting in the hall of fame.

The country starlet will receive the Hal David Starlight Award at the Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards on June 17 in New York City. The announcement was made Tuesday.

Swift, known for penning songs about her puppy love lapses, has written or co-written every song on her two multiplatinum-selling CDs: her

2006 self-titled debut and 2008's "Fearless," which won album of the year at this year's Grammy Awards, among other top honors.

Phil Collins and music producer Phil Ramone also will receive special awards at the event. Other inductees include Leonard Cohen, Jackie DeShannon, David Foster, Johnny Mandel, Philip Bailey, Verdine White, Larry Dunn, Al McKay and Earth, Wind & Fire's Maurice White.



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Raymond and Lisa McCarthy honored at special Aruba guests



Recently, Raymond and Lisa McCarthy were named Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. The Mc Carthys have been visiting Aruba since 1987 and this is their 21st visit. Their 12-year-old son Brendan McCarthy was honoured last year as Distinguished Visitor of Aruba. He has been visiting our island since he was born 14 years ago.

His sister Kylie has seven years and has already vacationed 10 times here. The Mc Carthys are from Massachu-

setts and said they love Aruba very much. They like the climate, the constant sunshine, beautiful beaches, and the excellent restaurants.

During a small ceremony at the Playa Linda Beach Resort, where they are staying, Aruba Tourism Authority liaison Castro Perez presented them with a certificate, thanking them for their love and appreciation shown towards our island. Also present was Playa Linda Beach Resort concierge Ms. Mignon.

Paseo Herencia provides a double whammy at Moby Dick's for island media



Shermaine shows of the first prize winner



Valerie Camacho samples the chicken wrap



Spectacularly decadent desserts.

A congenial luncheon conducted on Monday afternoon at Moby Dick's seafood restaurant hosted by the management of the Paseo Herencia Shopping and Entertainment Center for island media served several purposes. Paseo Heren-



Tempting chicken wrap

cia's Marketing Manager Shermaine Tromp and General Manager Valerie Camacho joined the restaurant co-owner Gilbert Senchi in introducing a new item to the restaurant's elegant lunch menu, as well as allowing media members to draw the winners of their Mother's Day campaign.

Unbeknownst to many, Moby Dick's sports a charming second level providing a spectacular view of the shopping center in a smartly nautical ambiance, which is perfect for private parties. For most attending, the fact that the restaurant has an appealing and reasonably priced lunch menu was also a revelation. Focusing on healthy choices, it features a choice of crab, grouper or the Aruban version of Cheese-steak, with sautéed onions and Gouda, served either on French bread, Ciabatta or wrapped. Gilbert introduced a new addition to the lunch menu, grilled chicken breast in a wrap with curried mayonnaise; a choice of other sauces, including teriyaki, is available.

Lunch is served Monday through Saturday, beginning at noon. They also provide a nice

afternoon break from the tropical sun, where one can enjoy a decadent treat, which mightily impressed all those attending the special lunch. A combination of fresh bananas and banana flavored ice cream and liquor garnered with fudge sauce evoked censorable expressions from all who sampled it.; a feast for the eyes and taste buds.

Sharmaine also took the opportunity to draw the winners of the Paseo Herencia Mother's raffle. Thirty shoppers will soon be notified they are the recipients of gift certificates from the mall's many fine shops, or gifts of perfume from Maggy's Emporium, tickets to The Cinemas and the special premieres of the Aruba International Film Festival beginning the second week in June. Dinners for two at Moby Dick's Nobushi, TGI Friday's, Scala, Iguana Cantina, and Taste of Belgium will be enjoyed by some lucky winners as well.

Heading the list with first, second and third place were Richard Blair, Diana Lopez and Shiraldine de Cuba.

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Science/ Tech.

Zynga Expected to Launch Social Gaming Site



Zynga, the online game developer of Farmville and Scramble fame, may be looking to split from its primary platform partner, Facebook. According to a report from Techcrunch, Zynga is gearing up to launch its own social gaming network called Zynga Live.

Zynga is responsible for some of the most popular apps on Facebook. According to All Facebook's app leaderboard, four Zynga apps are currently in the top ten, including number one Farmville, number six Café World, and numbers eight and nine, Mafia Wars, and Petville. Zynga also makes games for other platforms, including MySpace, MSN, My Yahoo, and the iPhone.

According to an unnamed Techcrunch source's e-mail, Zynga CEO Mark Pincus announced the Zynga Live in-

tiative and confirmed the Zynga-Facebook tension Thursday afternoon.

"Pincus announced at a 5pm meeting yesterday at Zynga that Zynga was going to launch a social game network called Zynga Live. The Zynga Live initiative was a social gaming network. Facebook and Zynga has been negotiating on Facebook Credits and the talks turned for the worst. In the negotiation process, Facebook shut off Zynga's feeds and threatened to shut down games. Zynga in the process threatened to completely leave Facebook and prepared to do so in the previous upcoming weeks."

The credit concern comes from Facebook requiring Zynga and other developers to use "Facebook Credits" as the only payment platform. Facebook takes a whopping

30 percent fee for the use of Facebook Credits.

Sources also say that Facebook is trying to get Zynga to enter into a deal where Zynga agrees to remain on Facebook as their primary games platform. Negotiations aren't going too well -- Facebook has shut down notifications for some of Zynga's games (including Farmville) and has threatened to remove some of Zynga's games completely. In response to Facebook's "punishments," Zynga has prepared to move away from the social networking site, beginning with its launch of Farmville.com.

I'm going to have to agree with CNET's Daniel Terdiman, though -- I find it hard to believe that either Zynga or Facebook is going to walk away from their (thus far) successful relationship. Zynga needs access to the millions of Facebook users who play their games, and Facebook needs Zynga to provide a reason for many users to check into the site so routinely.

Still, as an anonymous Techcrunch source stated, it looks like the tension is getting "intense."

Sony Launches Diminutive Vaio P Series PC



Sony Electronics has taken the wraps off a revamped Vaio P Series Lifestyle PC that sports an array of built-in one-touch buttons for enabling users to instantly access the web, adjust screen resolution or even tune-up their machines. The overall design is focused on attracting buyers looking for a thin, small and light-weight alternative to the traditional laptop.

Approximately the size of a business envelope and tipping the scales at just 1.4

pounds, the diminutive device has industry observers speculating that the design platform might help Sony launch a Web tablet to compete with Apple's iPad. One reason is because Vaio P users will be able to surf the Web without a keyboard or mouse because the trackpad as well as the left and right click buttons have been built right into the LCD bezel.

Under The Hood
Measuring 9.6x 0.78x4.7 inches, the Sony Vaio P

sports an eight-inch, ultra-wide LED display with a resolution of 1600x768-pixels and an 83-key Qwerty-keyboard. Under the hood, the new machine integrates a 1.6GHz Intel Atom processor and Intel graphics media accelerator, a multimedia memory card reader and SD memory card slot, two USB 2.0 ports, camera and microphone. Also on tap is a solid state drive with up to 256GB of memory and 2GB of DDR2 SDRAM.

The communications capabilities aboard the Sony Vaio P include built-in Wi-Fi (802.11b/g/n) and Verizon Wireless Mobile Broadband radios. Furthermore, the new device features built-in real-time GPS, together with a Bluetooth radio for streaming audio in stereo to compatible speakers and headsets.

Battery life is expected to range up to 3.5 hours on the standard 2500 mAh lithium ion battery that ships with the device. However, buyers also have the option of ordering an extended battery pack that is capable of delivering up to 7 hours of operation off a single charge.

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Bees Make Nests of Colorful Flower Petals



Not all bees toil in wax beehives - some live in the lap of luxury, building nests lined with colorful flower petals, a new study finds.

The Middle Eastern bee in question, *Osmia avosea*, is a solitary species, as nearly 75 percent of the some 20,000 bee species are, meaning that each individual bee lives by itself.

In nests that are 0.5 to 2 inches (1.5 to 5 centimeters) beneath the ground, the females of this species line the one or two chambers of each nest with overlapping pink, yellow, blue and purple petals, starting from the bottom.

The female then plasters a layer of claylike mud onto the petals just a half-millimeter wide - less than half the thickness of a dime - and finishes the lining with another layer of petals, essentially creating a petal sandwich.

The bees then deposit a sticky, nutritious mix of nectar and pollen on the chamber floor, lay an egg, and seal the chamber up by carefully folding the petals at the top and plugging it with mud. This nursery then hardens, like the shell of a nut, to protect the insides against predators. As such, the offspring remain safe after they hatch, devour their rations, spin cocoons and fall into a 10-month sleep within their plush digs until they emerge mature in the

spring.

"Unfortunately, her larvae never enjoy the brilliant colors of the nest's walls because they have no eyes," said researcher Jerome Rozen, curator in the division of invertebrate zoology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. "And, anyhow, they would need a flashlight."

These petal sandwiches likely help keep water both in and out of the nests. By keeping humid air in, the food the mother leaves behind remains moist and soft enough to eat. By shutting water out, the nests don't get flooded during storms and could even float like bubbles if they got washed out from the ground.

"The architecture of the way these whole things are constructed is quite remarkable," Rozen told LiveScience.

In a rare coincidence, as Rozen and colleagues made their discovery while working near Turkey's Antalya province, another group of researchers made the same find the same day in a field in Iran's Fars province.

"It was absolute synchronicity that we all discovered this uncommon behavior on the same day," Rozen said.

The scientists detailed their findings in February in the journal *American Museum Novitates*.

HEALTH & LIVING

Why calcium is good for your body



You probably know that calcium is good for you—who could miss years of advertisements with Hollywood elite sporting milk mustaches?

But in reality, you're probably murky on the details as to why it's so important, and like most people, you're probably not getting enough calcium in your diet.

One reason may be because milk isn't your favorite beverage—whether you're lactose intolerant or you just plain don't like it. But there are lots of different ways to get the calcium you need, and you may be surprised how important it is for your health.

Yes, calcium is key for the health of your bones and teeth, but it also affects your muscles, hormones, nerve function, and ability to form blood clots. Plus, research has shown that calcium may play a role in warding off other problems like PMS, high blood pressure, cancer, and even weight gain.

Calcium 101

Calcium is the most common mineral found in the body and is required for the formation of bones and for bodily functions like muscle contractions and blood clotting.

Almost all the calcium in our bodies is stored in the bones and teeth. While bones feel rock hard, they're actually living tissue that is constantly in flux; new bone is being created while old bone is destroyed.

When you're young, the process is skewed toward bone creation, and you have increasing bone density as you age, peaking at about age 30. After that, the process reaches equilibrium in adulthood. Then, as we age, the process can tip toward destruction, which can result in less dense, weaker bones.

So where does calcium come in? By having an adequate intake of calcium, you're giving your body the building blocks to fuel all its important functions, as well as to knit new bone tissue. If you don't get enough calcium, the body will "steal"

calcium that's stored in bones to make sure it has enough to meet the body's needs.

The recommended daily intake of calcium is 1,000 to 1,300 milligrams per day for people ages 9 and up.

But guess what? Most of us fall short. A University of Maryland study found calcium intake to be too low for most people, particularly young women.

The study found the average consumption in girls ages 9 to 18 to be about 814 milligrams daily. While women between 40 and 59 years of age increased their consumption over time, intake in children 6 to 11 years old dropped.

Chad Deal, MD, the director of the Cleveland Clinic Center for Osteoporosis and Metabolic Bone Disease, recommends that people take calcium supplements in two doses of 500 to 600 milligrams, for a total of 1,000 to 1,200 milligrams daily.

The body has difficulty absorbing more than that at one time and any excess will be excreted. Studies have shown that there is an increased risk of kidney stones in individuals who may be getting too much calcium (called hypercalcemia), but because of the way the body absorbs the mineral, this is a rare occurrence, says Dr. Deal.

10 Ways to Fight Indoor Mold

Mold is among the most hazardous household substances for people with allergies and asthma. It can trigger asthma attacks and allergic reactions (such as hay fever or eczema), and it can even cause health problems in people without those conditions.

Mold grows in humid, damp environments, so the best way to prevent and control indoor mold is to keep your home as dry and ventilated as possible. While bathrooms are an obvious place for mold to get a toehold, there are some other relatively surprising sources of mold in your home—such as firewood.

Here are some tips for how to fight indoor mold from our A-Z Health Library.

Indoor mold (fungus) is very common in humid areas and in homes that have damp areas such as basements. Mold may trigger asthma

symptoms, such as wheezing or coughing, or another allergic reaction, such as the rash of atopic dermatitis or stuffy nose of allergic rhinitis. Substances that trigger these reactions are called allergens.

Although there is no strong evidence that reducing damp areas in homes or limiting exposure to them helps decrease allergy and asthma symptoms, taking the following steps may be helpful.

- Store fireplace wood outside the home.

- Clean bathtubs, shower stalls, shower curtains, and windowsills at least once a

month with a disinfectant or liquid bleach. Use bleach with caution, because it may irritate your nose. If your nose is irritated, your allergy symptoms may get worse.

- Keep the house aired out and dry. This may be difficult in some seasons and some climates.

- Use an exhaust fan in bathrooms and the kitchen to vent excess moisture.

- Use a dehumidifier during humid weather. Try to keep the humidity in the home below 50%. Molds thrive in higher humidity.

- Seal off or avoid damp

areas, such as crawl spaces, attics, or basements. Use a dehumidifier to control mold growth in these areas. Try to avoid materials that have been stored in these areas.

- Remove carpeting from any concrete floors, especially in the basement.

- Repair any water-damaged areas from leaking roofs or basements. Also, check the areas under sinks and around other plumbing for leaks. These areas can be prime mold-growing areas.

- Make sure your clothes dryer vents moist air to the outside.

- Inspect closets for items, such as shoes, that may retain moisture.

Because adults spend one-third of their time and children spend half of their time in their bedrooms, it is important that you take steps to prevent allergens in this room.

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One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

Two local TV personalities were caught enjoying lunch at The Queen's. They declared, after several visits, they judged the food to be "excellent," and particularly recommended Grandma's secret recipe. We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena" - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deli-

ciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the water at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa was in the mood to prepare. While testing out their offerings, we noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

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Donkey Sanctuary is the 2010 charity at upcoming Polesitting Championships



The upcoming Polesitting Championships will be a blast: great bands, a wonderful charity, enthusiastic volunteers and polesitters and super prizes for the raffle, the musical chairs and other rousing games that the Donkey Sanctuary is organizing. Activities include children's games in the afternoons, a photo opportunity with a cute little donkey, book signing sessions, a children's bingo, nightly nail hitting contests and an ongoing raffle. The Save the Donkey foundation is busy getting everything ready for tomorrow, May 13, when the polesitters will climb upon their perches for the first time. If everything goes according to plan, they step off for the last time on Sunday evening when the record of 87 hours has been broken.

The volunteers of the Donkey Sanctuary (Salba Nos Burico) have found some wonderful sponsors, who will help them get funds to keep their shelter running. At the moment more than 100 donkeys find a good home at the shelter. Due to the hazards of increasing traffic and diminishing habitat, these lovely animals could not stay in the wild.

Prizes for the raffle winners include digital cameras, gift certificates, beauty treatment, a weekend stay, an iPod Shuffle, a jeep safari, workshop

vouchers, De Palm Island for the entire family, a cellular phone from Digicel, a snorkel sail of Red Sail Sport, bottles of wine, horseback riding, much more.

The long Ascension Day weekend will be filled with fun, so don't forget to pass by any time of day or night to cheer on the polesitters and the volunteers. Come and support a terrific good cause, have a drink, a dance and win!

Photos show Polesitters Heidi Schipper (24), Kevin Immerzeel (23) and veteran polesitter and former record holder Liesbeth Croes (29) together with Desiree Eldering and Sharon van der Spaan of the Donkey foundation and stagiair Marco Roelofsen.



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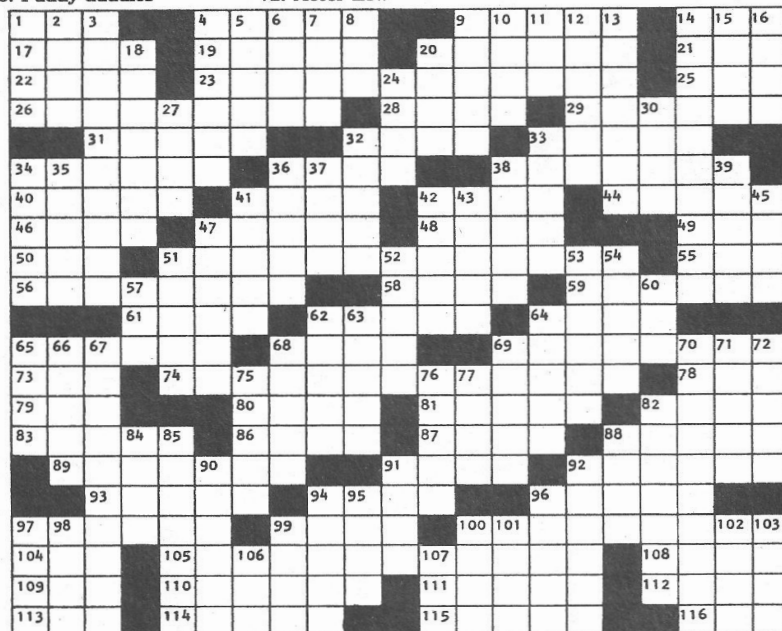
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28. The joke's
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59. Mangled
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62. More low-down
64. "It is well, hard..." (Washington)
65. Millionth of a meter
68. Senate aide
69. Like a sub's voyage
73. Oh! Ger.
74. Wagner opera, with "Die"
78. Bitterly amusing
79. Menagerie
80. Crowning glory
81. Sky hunter
82. French courier
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92. Directs a play
93. Enjoy
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15. Novelist Wister
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54. Hair blower
57. Capek play
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62. Hand-dyed fabric
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Bank agrees to forfeit \$500 million to US

WASHINGTON(AP) — A bank formerly known as ABN Amro Bank N.V. agreed on Monday to pay the government \$500 million for facilitating the movement of illegal funds through the U.S. financial system, the Justice Department announced.

The bank, now named the Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., helped the countries of Iran, Libya, Sudan and Cuba and banks in those nations evade U.S. laws, according to papers

filed in the case. All four foreign countries were under U.S. economic sanctions for supporting international terror.

Court papers say some of ABN Amro's offices systematically circumvented economic sanctions by advising banks in the sanctioned countries how to evade filters at financial institutions in the United States.

ABN Amro was charged with one count of conspiring to defraud the United States and one count of failing to maintain an adequate anti-money laundering program. The conspiracy count alleged violations of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the Trading with the Enemy Act.

The Justice Department says ABN Amro will be under a deferred prosecution agreement. The U.S. government will recommend dismissal of the charges against the bank in one year if the financial institution cooperates with U.S. investigators

Euphoria fades over euro rescue

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The German government backed a \$1 trillion rescue package for Europe's troubled currency union as European Union officials readied tougher oversight over budgets and economies of most member countries in an effort to contain the region's troubling debt crisis.

The startling size of the EU package, agreed early Monday, initially lifted the euro and stock markets, but by yesterday the euphoria had ebbed on concerns that simply making more loans available didn't address the crippling levels of government debt in countries such as Greece and Portugal.

The euro slipped to \$1.2670 in European trading — down from \$1.2804 in New York late Monday.

Germany, Europe's richest nation which only reluctantly backed the deal, has demanded that Greece and other countries that use the euro must make sharp spending cuts to curb runaway deficits and public debt in return for financial help.

The Greek debt tragedy has become Germany's burden because Berlin will provide the largest chunk of the eurozone rescue package available to all countries if they need it — at least euro123 billion — and a separate bailout for Greece agreed earlier which did little to halt the crisis. Germany's share of that is euro22.3 billion.

The idea of shouldering the debts of less thrifty countries is unpopular with frugal German voters who showed their disap-

proval of Chancellor Angela Merkel by voting her party out of power in a key state election on Sunday.

The German parliament will now need to debate and vote by June 4 on the eurozone rescue. Opposition lawmakers voiced dissatisfaction over the package, which troubles even some of Merkel's own advisors.

Merkel has tried to couple her backing of the unprecedented bailouts for spendthrift eurozone nations with calls for them to shape up their finances — or ship out of the euro.

The EU's executive commission will lay out the first step toward stricter budget controls today when it will overhaul existing EU rules intended to prevent debt troubles. Most euro nations — including Germany — have at one time or another trampled on by ignoring debt and deficit limits.

EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso has called for EU oversight to go further and monitor how EU economies are performing.

"We cannot have a monetary union without an economic union," he said Monday. "The solution of this problem has been more coordinated Europe, more coherence, economic policy coordination."

Barroso said he would also suggest a permanent crisis management plan that could eventually replace the euro750 billion (\$1 trillion) package of loans and debt guarantee that EU governments agreed early Monday for any member coun-

try that can't pay its debts over the next three years.

Greece yesterday requested a euro14.5 billion (\$18.81 billion) loan from a European Union-led bailout fund totaling euro110 billion agreed last week, officials in Athens said. It will also receive a euro5.5 billion (\$7.13 billion) loan from the International Monetary Fund today.

Athens needs the money by May 19 to extend some euro9 billion (\$11.67 billion) in debt, part of a soaring debt mountain that has worried financial markets and triggered a slide in the value of the euro and higher borrowing costs for Greece and other vulnerable eurozone nations.

French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde defended the currency as "solid" yesterday, saying European leaders had finally decided to turn vague political promises into a firm financial pledge after seeing that institutional investors — such as pension funds — were losing confidence in the euro last week.

Investors are still concerned that Germany may not approve the final package. German opposition leaders said they were worried that Germany's final bill could climb. Merkel told them Monday that it could go up to euro150 billion.

Juergen Trittin of the Greens and Gregor Gysi of the Left Party said they were worried that it was unclear how much German taxpayers would be ultimately on the hook for.

NY AG sues money manager in Madoff scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's attorney general sued a hedge fund management firm and two of its former executives yesterday, claiming they discovered a decade ago that Bernard Madoff wasn't being truthful about his investment methods, but kept their suspicions quiet.

Ivy Asset Management customers, which included several union pension funds, wound up losing \$227 million when the scheme collapsed, according to the suit.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said the firm and its former principals, CEO Lawrence Simon and CIO Howard Wohl, had a duty to tell clients about their concerns.

The suit claims they stayed silent because pulling their clients money entirely would have cost them millions of dollars in management fees.

"Ivy and its former co-principals saw the trouble with

Madoff coming around the bend, but instead of guiding their clients through the financial waters, they sold them down the river," Cuomo said in a statement.

Ivy's chief restructuring officer, Douglas Squasoni, said the company would defend itself against the lawsuit. He dis-

puted Cuomo's charge that the company didn't tell customers that something about Madoff didn't add up.

"Ivy informed its clients that it had questions about Madoff that it could not answer and recommended to its clients that they reduce their exposure to Madoff," he said.

Toyota quarterly profit \$1.2 bln as sales recover

TOKYO, Japan (AP) — Toyota cruised back to profit in the latest quarter as the world's top carmaker cut costs and hitched a ride on the global auto sales recovery while fighting to salvage its reputation for quality.

But the automaker's top executive and analysts alike said Toyota is still far from a full recovery while another potential blow to its image looms after U.S. federal authorities launched a fresh investigation

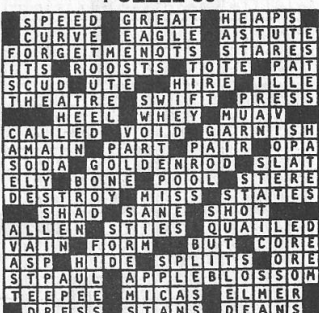
into a steering recall.

Toyota Motor Corp. said yesterday that January-March profit totaled 112 billion yen (\$1.2 billion) compared with a 766 billion yen loss the year before.

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change of the Roman Empire, Chinese dynasties, India and feudal European countries as well as money unique in shape and material, including cardboard, wood, leather, porcelain, baked clay, ivory, plastic or linen. Visitors can piece together the turbulent history of Aruba and the Caribbean through well-organized collections with informative commentaries.

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NYC's Apollo Theater unveils its Walk of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) – Smokey Robinson, Ella Fitzgerald and James Brown were among the music legends being honored on the Apollo Theater's new Walk of Fame in New York City.

Workers on Monday began installing sidewalk plaques in front of the storied Harlem theater celebrating some of the artists who have performed there. Others include Little Richard, Patti LaBelle and Gladys Knight and the Pips.

"For me to have a plaque honoring me in front of the Apollo theater is one of the proudest achievements in my life," Robinson said. "I started out at the Apollo and it will always be a home to me."

Robinson said he first performed at the Apollo with the Miracles in 1959, and he's been back countless times since.

He said, "I always say, if they tear down 125th Street and everything on it, please leave the Apollo standing."

Singer Patti LaBelle said she was grateful to be in the company of legendary performers.

"My career began at the Apollo, so I'm humbled to be able to be a part of its rich and continued legacy," LaBelle said.

The Apollo's marquee on Monday also paid tribute to legendary jazz singer and actress Lena Horne, who died Sunday at age 92.

"You name it, Lena Horne had it all, and she will remain as a standard of class and excellency in all of our hearts, Rep. Charles Rangel said.

The Apollo, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, has been a pioneer for aspiring black performers who were routinely turned away at other venues in the 1930s. Through its legendary Amateur Night, the Apollo is famous for propelling the careers of Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Stevie Wonder, James Brown and others.

Plaques honoring new Hall of Fame inductees Michael Jackson and Ella Fitzgerald will be installed after the Apollo's annual Spring Gala in June.

Jackson and his brothers first performed at the Harlem theater in the late 1960s. The Jackson Five won its famed "Amateur Night," which catapulted their career.



Little Richard



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Recently at the Home of FIFA in Zurich, Louis Vuitton and FIFA announced their collaboration on a new travel case for the FIFA World Cup Trophy. Currently being designed, it will be used for the first time at the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™.

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It is with that in mind that FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter decided to place a special order for a case for the most coveted trophy in the world: the FIFA World Cup Trophy. "The FIFA World Cup Trophy is our most precious asset. It's the most coveted trophy, not only in the world of football but beyond. It succeeds in uniting fans all around the world in a healthy competition for the final prize. A trophy as precious as the FIFA World Cup Trophy deserves a travel case of the same elegance and prestige. From now on, the trophy will not only travel in safety, but it will also travel in style."

Bradley leaves Davies, Adu out

There were few surprises in the United States' 30-man preliminary squad for this summer's 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™.

Five English Premier League players are included, while Villarreal's Jozy Altidore spent part of the season at Hull and Los Angeles Galaxy's Landon Donovan was on loan at Everton prior to the Major League Soccer campaign.

The squad will meet up in Princeton on 15 May and play friendlies with Czech Republic in Connecticut on 25 May and Turkey in

No room for van Nistelrooij



Ruud van Nistelrooij's international career appears to be over after the veteran striker missed out on Bert van Marwijk's 30-man preliminary FIFA World Cup™ squad today.

Van Nistelrooij, 33, hoped he had done enough to prove his fitness during a loan spell with Hamburg this season after an injury-plagued period at parent club Real Madrid.

But Van Marwijk said today he did not believe Van Nistelrooij will, at this stage of his career, recover to be able to find the sort of level that saw him score 33 goals

in 64 international appearances.

"I told him that we have followed him closely and admire his commitment and dedication to get to the World Cup", Van Marwijk was quoted as saying by AD Sportwereld.

"I believe that Ruud is fit, but after his lengthy knee injury he does not have time to get back to his old level."

Also missing from the squad is young Vitesse Arnhem goalkeeper Piet Velthuizen with the more experienced Sander Boschker of Eredivisie champions FC

Twente preferred.

Netherlands provisional squad: Maarten Stekelenburg (Ajax), Sander Boschker (FC Twente), Michel Vorm (FC Utrecht); Vurnon Anita (Ajax), Khalid Boulahrouz (VfB Stuttgart), Edson Braafheid (Celtic), Giovanni van Bronckhorst (Feyenoord), John Heitinga (Everton), Joris Mathijsen (HSV), Ron Vlaar (Feyenoord), Gregory van der Wiel (Ajax) en André Ooijer (PSV); Otman Bakkal (PSV), Mark van Bommel (Bayern Munich), Wout Brama (FC Twente), Orlando Engelaar (PSV), Nigel de Jong (Manchester City), David Mendes da Silva (AZ), Stijn Schaars (AZ), Wesley Sneijder (Inter), Rafael van der Vaart (Real Madrid), Demy de Zeeuw (Ajax) en Ibrahim Afellay (PSV); Dirk Kuyt (Liverpool), Jeremain Lens (AZ), Eljero Elia (HSV), Ryan Babel (Liverpool), Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (AC Milan), Robin van Persie (Arsenal), Arjen Robben (Bayern Munich).

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Magic finish off sweep of Hawks 98-84



ATLANTA (AP)—Ever since they lost in the NBA Finals, the Orlando Magic have been determined to get back—and, this time, win it all.

Vince Carter scored 22 points to lead another dominating performance by the Magic, which finished off its second straight playoff sweep with a 98-84 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Monday night.

Orlando won the four games by an average of 25.3 points—a total blowout that no one could have expected in a matchup between the teams that finished second

and third in the Eastern Conference. It was the most lopsided four-game sweep in NBA playoff history, according to STATS LLC.

“Guys are just focused. It’s unbelievable to see,” Carter said. “This is my opportunity for a championship.”

The Magic, who lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in last year’s NBA Finals, are playing better than anyone at the most important time of the season. They have won 14 in a row, the last eight in the playoffs, and 28 of 31.

“We would have to be

playing at our absolute, absolute best—like, mistake free—to beat that team,” said Jamal Crawford, who led Atlanta with 18 points. “That team is a great team. They have as good a chance as any to win a championship.”

The Magic are off to the Eastern Conference finals for the second year in a row. They will face either Boston or a rematch with Cleveland, the team they upset for last year’s conference title before losing to the Lakers.

Orlando barely broke a sweat against the Hawks, and Game 4 was more of the same. Atlanta held Dwight Howard to 13 points and eight rebounds, but the Magic had plenty of other options.

“We’re playing for something bigger than ourselves, and we’ve got to do it together,” Howard said.

Jameer Nelson was unstoppable, baffling the Hawks with his now-you-see-him, now-you-don’t quickness. He finished with 16 points and nine assists. Rashard Lewis scored 17 points, knocking down four 3-pointers. Mickael Pietrus scored 12 points—all of them from beyond the arc.

As a team, Orlando was 16 of 37 from 3-point range, taking more long-range shots than two-pointers (28). Overall, the Magic shot 55 percent from the field and never trailed during either game in Atlanta.

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Josh Beckett's next start pushed back

BOSTON (AP)—Josh Beckett's next start, already pushed back two days to give him more time to work on his recent problems, might be delayed further.

Beckett was examined Tuesday after enduring back spasms Monday night while practicing hitting for a three-game interleague series starting May 21 at Philadelphia.

"We really don't know" if it will affect plans for Beckett to pitch Friday, manager Terry Francona said after Boston's 7-6 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night.

Federer cruises into 3rd round of Madrid Masters



MADRID (AP)—Defending champion Roger Federer improved his clay-court game, defeating Benjamin Becker of Germany 6-2, 7-6 (4) Tuesday to reach the third round of the Madrid Masters.

The top-seeded Federer broke serve right away and again to close out the first set. He missed two match points when leading 6-5 in the second set before taking control of the tiebreaker.

Federer is seeking to regain his form on clay ahead of the French Open. He lost his first clay-court match of the year at the Rome Masters before exiting the Estoril Open at the semifinal stage.

"I'm happy with the way I reacted after all that happened in the last few weeks and months," Federer said. "The moment the match started, I felt great. I was hitting the ball fine, and I think the center court here just feels right to me."

The Swiss player captured the Madrid Masters title last

year, before going on to win the French Open and Wimbledon. Federer will play either Stanislas Wawrinka or Julien Benneteau in the next round.

In the first round, 16th-seeded Thomaz Bellucci defeated Pere Riba of Spain 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Wild-card entrant David Nalbandian, the champion in 2007, and opponent Tomas Berdych each withdrew because of injuries before their match. Organizers did not describe the injuries.

Mardy Fish and Michael Russell, who lost in qualifying, were drafted as replacements.

Juan Ignacio Chela, Eduardo Schwank, Philipp Petzschner, Ernests Gulbis, Marcos Baghdatis, Stanislas Wawrinka and Victor Hanesescu also progressed to the second round.

On the women's side, last year's finalist Caroline Wozniacki was upset 6-2, 6-3 by 26th-ranked Alona Bondarenko. The Ukrainian will

play Li Na of China.

Samantha Stosur edged last weekend's Italian Open winner Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez 7-6 (2), 6-4. The Australian has won 13 of 14 matches on clay this season.

"I don't think I could've asked for a much better preparation going into the French," Stosur said. "To get at least three matches here is great, so everything from here on is a bonus. If it ends up being a few more this week, then that's great."

In other second-round matches, Patty Schnyder rallied past Agnieszka Radwanska 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, and Anabel Medina Garrigues defeated Marion Bartoli 6-2, 6-0.

Nadia Petrova stopped Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-2, 7-5 in an all-Russian match, and Shahar Peer of Israel and Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic also advanced. Andrea Petkovic stopped Flavia Pennetta 7-6 (3), 6-3 in her Madrid debut.

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Agent: Dead LPGA golfer was packed for tournament



LAS VEGAS (AP)—LPGA golfer Erica Blasberg had her bags packed for a tournament in Alabama when she died suddenly at her home in suburban Henderson, her agent said Tuesday. Police aren't saying how she died.

Blasberg was scheduled to leave last Sunday to play a qualification round on Monday for the Bell Micro LPGA Classic in Mobile, said the agent, Chase Callahan, who is based in Irvine, Calif.

Callahan and Blasberg's parents, Mel and Debbie Blasberg, of Corona, Calif., began planning Tuesday for a memorial service in her hometown amid questions about Blasberg's death Sunday in her home about 15 miles southeast of the Las Vegas Strip.

"We don't know yet who, what or why," Callahan said, calling Blasberg's death "tragic for her family, the people of Corona, and the people who knew her."

"Police haven't given her family or me any indication of anything," said Callahan, who noted that Blasberg's father was also her golf coach.

"For Mr. and Mrs. Blasberg, her taking her own life is not something that's in the details that they know right now," Callahan said. "This is someone whose career was as important to her as her family."

"She was 25. She hadn't reached her peak yet," he said.

Blasberg was found dead about 3 p.m. Sunday after police responded to a 911 call from the two-story, three-bedroom home Blasberg bought for \$281,000 in November 2007.

Police have not said if they suspect foul play, and police spokesman Keith Paul declined again to say Tuesday who summoned police to the house.

Clark County Coroner Michael Murphy said a ruling on a cause of death was pending blood and tissue tests that could take four to six weeks to complete.

She was a former junior golf standout, an All-American in 2003 and 2004. She was the 2003 NCAA Freshman of the Year and 2003 Pac-10 Player of the Year while at the University of Arizona.

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Pope blames church's own sins for sex scandal



Spectators welcome Pope Benedict XVI, background, as he is driven to the Belem's presidential palace in Lisbon

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI yesterday blamed the church's own sins for the clerical abuse scandal — not a campaign mounted by outsiders — and called for profound purification to end what he called the "greatest persecution" the church has endured.

His strong comments placed responsibility for the crisis squarely on the sins of pedophile priests, repudiating the Vatican's initial response to the scandal in which it blamed the media as well as pro-choice and pro-gay marriage advocates for mounting what it called a campaign against the church and the pope.

Speaking en route to Portugal, Benedict said the Catholic church had always suffered from problems of its own making but that "today we see it in a truly terrifying way."

"The greatest persecution of the church doesn't come from enemies on the outside but is born from the sins within the church," the pontiff said. "The church needs to profoundly relearn penitence, accept purification, learn forgiveness but also justice."

Benedict was responding to journalists' questions, submitted in advance, aboard the papal plane as he flew to Portugal. His four-day visit will take him from Lisbon to the famed Fatima shrine to Portugal's second city, Porto.

It is not known whether Benedict would make further remarks about the scandal during the trip, but there have been no reported cases of sex abuse in Portugal, unlike in Malta, where Benedict met with abuse victims on a trip there last month.

Despite the Vatican's initial, defensive response to hun-

dreds of clerical abuse reports in Europe, Benedict has promised that the church would take action to protect children and make abusive priests face justice. He has already started cleaning house, accepting the resignations of a few bishops who either admitted they molested youngsters or covered up for priests who did.

Church bells rang out as the pontiff proceeded through Lisbon from the airport in his popemobile. Several thousand people lined the streets on a rainy day, some shouting, "Viva o Papa!" Some stretches of the route were thinly attended, however.

While Portugal has not experienced the surge in reports of abuse by priests that has emerged in other European countries, including Benedict's native Germany, it is facing similar financial problems as other European nations.

Portuguese President Anibal Cavaco Silva referred to the financial crisis in his speech greeting Benedict at Lisbon's airport, saying the pontiff was visiting at a time of uncertainty that had tested Portugal's strength as a community.

"In these times, men require someone bearing a message of hope to meet their thirst for justice and solidarity," he told the pontiff.

Benedict, for his part, said the crisis demonstrated the need for greater moral responsibility in running the global financial system and noted that he outlined his vision for more ethics in finance in his 2009 encyclical "Charity in Truth."

He called for greater dialogue within the financial system about ethical considerations.

Similarly, the pontiff called

for greater dialogue between faith and the secular world. Portugal is nearly 90 percent Catholic, but only around 2 million of the country's 10.6 million people describe themselves as practicing their faith.

As has been the case with much of western Europe, Portugal has also drifted away from church teaching on key issues.

Portugal's center-left Socialist government passed a law in 2007 allowing abortion. In 2008, it introduced a law allowing a judge to grant a divorce even if one spouse is opposed. In January, Parliament passed a bill seeking to make the country the sixth in Europe allowing same-sex couples to marry. Cavaco Silva now has to decide whether to veto or ratify that bill.

In his airport remarks, Benedict sharply criticized Portugal's abortion law, saying public officials must give "essential consideration" to issues that affect human life.

"The point at issue is not an ethical confrontation between a secular and religious system, so much as a question about the meaning that we give to our freedom," he said.

Benedict also praised Portugal's Catholic heritage, saying it was a "great force of faith" in spreading Catholicism around the globe, from Brazil to Africa, during colonial times.

Despite the country's increasingly secular bent, religious sentiment runs deep. At least 500,000 people are expected to attend the pope's Mass in Fatima tomorrow, the anniversary of the day in 1917 when three Portuguese shepherd children reported having visions of the Virgin Mary.

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Smart girls were the rule at Kagan's high school

NEW YORK (AP) — There were a lot of smart girls at Hunter College High School, but only one of them posed for the yearbook in a judge's robes, quoted a Supreme Court justice and is remembered for playing a tough attorney in an eighth-grade trial.

Now Elena Kagan is a nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court, and her classmates — including me — can't say they're all that surprised.

"In a school of overachievers, Elena shined brightly," said Leslie Hunter-Gadsden, a writer and teacher who took Latin with Elena for four years. "She was always very focused, the kind of person who I thought, 'She's going to run something someday. She's going to be in charge of something.'"

Another classmate, Justene Adamec, recalled a mock trial in eighth grade in which she and Elena played opposing lawyers. Justene, playing prosecutor, went first. Then Elena presented her side, and Justene sought a rebuttal, but Elena wouldn't allow it.

"She said I had rested my

case and couldn't call anyone," Justene recalled. "We were 13!"

Justene grew up to be a lawyer too, one of many accomplished professionals in Hunter's class of '77. Doctors, professors, bankers — yes, we even have a rocket scientist, astrophysicist Laura Kay. Hunter was a public school, but it was unique: It started in seventh grade, we had to pass a test to get in, and once we were there, our teachers made it clear they expected us to live up to our potential.

We also came of age in the 1970s, as the feminist movement demanded equal rights for women and equal educational opportunities for girls. Hunter was all-girl when we attended (though a lawsuit later forced it to go coed) and the single-sex makeup was seen as a great advantage.

Hunter was an extremely diverse place, too, with kids of every race and ethnic background, from every neighborhood of the city, and every income level, from welfare to wealthy — not a bad proving ground for a future judge to learn about the world.

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